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ASSOCIATE Justice Ramon Villagomez (right) administers the oath-taking of new members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (from left) Samuel McPhetres, president; Dave Hawkins, vice president; Glen Perez, treasurer; Brenda Sana, secretary; directors David Burger; Sherly Camacho, Tony Muna, Ken White and David Sablan.

McPhetres takes helm of Chamber

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
SAMUEL McPhetres, newly installed president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, urged members of the business group to take active part in setting the economic direction of the CNMI. "Our future success as a major factor in the private sector development in the Commonwealth and the region will depend on our ability to make the right choices, to avoid the tendency to look for easy solutions to complex problems," McPhetres said in a speech delivered during the installation of the Chamber's new set of officers held Saturday night at the Diamond Hotel. McPhetres was vice president of the Chamber before he moved up to the topmost position, to replace Efrain Camacho.

Wearing a beige suit, the new Chamber president took the podium and jested about the necktie, he said, he wore reluctantly. In his speech, McPhetres stressed the importance of the business sector cooperating with the government particularly with its new privatization thrust. "My view is that in this period of transition from a government-driven economy to private sector-driven," the former trust territory archivist said, "we can serve the whole community and make this a better place for everyone" The Marianas, McPhetres said, had gone a long way since it acquired its political status as Commonwealth. The economy has bounced back from the doldrums. Along with these developments came "difficult choices" the CNMI has to face, he added. These



Samuel McPhetres
choices were related to environment, government deficit, social ills, minimum wage and the prospect of improved standards of living and quality of life. McPhetres told a parable about a handsome commoner who had

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FSM envoy cites bane to tourism

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
A VISITING ambassador from the Federated States of Micronesia has cited his country's inadequate infrastructure and lack of hotel rooms as among the reasons why the FSM is being left behind in tourism by its Micronesian neighbors like Guam, the CNMI and Palau. Masao Nakayama, ambassador to Japan, also blamed the absence of direct flights from Japan and other Asian major cities. As a result, he said, fares to FSM states are "very expensive."



Ambassador Nakayama
vantage of being farther from Japan and the East Asian mass markets than Guam and the CNMI.

The inflow of investments, particularly from Japan, is subsequently affected by the lack of infrastructure, he added. Nakayama, on a private visit to Saipan, was interviewed by the Variety at the Aqua Resort Club Saturday in the presence of his host, former Speaker Joe Lifofoi. The latest available statistics show that only 23,171 visitors to the FSM were recorded in 1990. Of this number, 9,787 visited the state of Pohnpei (formerly Ponape); 7,600 Chuuk (formerly Truk); 3,819 Yap; and 1,965 Kosrae. The Economic Report on the FSM (Autumn 1995) published by the Bank of Hawaii says that last 1993, visitors to the FSM reached over 30,000. The FSM also has the disad-

"Only a very small tourist plant has been built in the FSM over the years and as a result the Pacific's biggest and most dynamic export, tourism, has passed it by almost entirely," the report said. Nakayama said the Americans are FSM's number one tourists, followed by the Japanese. Other visitors are Australian divers and Europeans, particularly Germans. "Tourists come for the clean waters, the tranquility, and the green hills," he said. Tourism is only the number two industry in the FSM, next to fisheries. Agriculture is the third leading industry. According to Nakayama, Japan, which once colonized FSM islands (part of the Caroline Islands), had been helping the country since 1981

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Guerrero not ready to disclose '97 plans

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff
FORMER Gov. Larry I. Guerrero is not making any announcements yet about his political plans, saying he has a full year to make up his mind. In an interview Friday, Guerrero said it is yet to early to make a final decision on whether he will be seeking public office again in the 1997 gubernatorial elections. "I am not ready yet to make that announcement. The New Year has just begun. I think it is more important to look at what is ahead of us and make a serious evaluation," said the former governor. "As far as making the announcement, I still have one year, eleven months before that time will come. It is only appropriate and proper

that rather than rushing an announcement, people should be allowed to make the assessment

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Larry I. Guerrero

Weather Outlook

Cloudy periods with a few showers

Man charged for threatening mom

THE ATTORNEY General's Office filed charges on Friday against a man who allegedly broke into the house of his mother and threatened to kill the latter. Assistant Atty. Gen. Nicole Forelli charged Morrel Esteves with assault, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace before the Superior Court. Forelli said on Thursday at 11 a.m., Esteves drove to the resi-

dence of his mother Josephina Bayani Espinosa and tried to force his way into the house. The defendant kicked the locked door. Failing to open it, he instead broke a window screen and a door knob to enter. Esteves was allegedly shouting and screaming profanities at his mother and threatening to kill her.

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Hillary: 'Probe a search for scandal'

LOS ANGELES (AP) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton says the Senate Whitewater Committee and others are conducting "an investigation in search of a scandal," but that she "will do whatever it takes to end this and to cooperate."

The Clintons have been accused of using their influence to avoid losses in a failed land deal known as Whitewater. Mark D. Fabiani, a White

House lawyer, took exception Saturday to the newspaper's characterization, carried in a headline and distributed nationwide, that Mrs. Clinton "rejects" the idea of appearing before the Senate and, in the body of its story, that she "dismissed the idea."

The interview also contained Mrs. Clinton's first public reaction to New York Times columnist William Safire's essay accusing her of being "a congenital liar."



Hillary Rodham Clinton

That assessment also was distributed by The Associated Press. Fabiani said a transcript of the interview shows her comments "are consistent with her long-held position that she will cooperate and do whatever is necessary to answer legitimate questions and bring this matter to an end."

The White House suggested on Tuesday that President Clinton wanted to punch Safire in the nose, but would restrain himself because of his office.

Mrs. Clinton was quoted as saying: "We have always said we will do whatever it takes to cooperate. And we will; and I personally will." She then went on to defend herself against some of the various allegations and complain that "the questions keep changing" and "the ground keeps shifting."

"I worked with the committee that impeached President Nixon," she said, referring to her job as an aide for the House Judiciary Committee in the early 1970s. "Safire worked for President Nixon. The best I can tell, he is still working for President Nixon."

had just discovered old records detailing Mrs. Clinton's work as a partner in the Rose Law Firm in the 1980s for Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, the failed Little Rock, Arkansas, thrift that is at the center of the Whitewater probes.

The records, which had been subpoenaed two years earlier, show that Rose billed Madison for about 60 hours of legal work by Mrs. Clinton over a 15-month period.

Clinton pays US troops in Bosnia a 'frontline visit'

By TERENCE HUNT TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - President Clinton headed home after paying U.S. troops in Bosnia a frontline visit and praising them for "making history."

ask you...to choose peace, choose the future," he said in Zagreb, Croatia, the last stop on his trip, which included stops in Aviano, Italy, Tazsar, Hungary, and Tuzla.

The president also met with Bosnian, Croatian and Serb leaders Saturday to urge them to hold together their fragile peace accord. "I

Clinton did not venture from heavily-secured installations in Bosnia to witness damage wrought during nearly four years of war, and his air routes carefully skirted Serb territory. "In Bosnia you came on a mission of peace, a mission for heroes," Clinton declared.

Arriving five hours late because of bad weather, Clinton brought soldiers bags of mail, 200 cases of Coca-Cola and 5,000 Hershey's (chocolate candy) bars.

Secret Service sharpshooters and armed soldiers followed Clinton around the headquarters of Task Force Eagle. Apache gunships patrolled the perimeter of the base and villagers from nearby Dubrave were not allowed anywhere near the site.

In his Tuzla speech to nearly 1,000 troops in full combat gear, the president praised the sacrifice of American forces and their allies.

"From the ashes of war in Bosnia, you and they together are raising the torch of a new and undivided Europe," said Clinton, dressed in a bomber jacket and khaki slacks.

"Step by steady step, you are making history here in Bosnia," he said.

Kinney's counsel claims:

'\$50-M offer not enough'

By Ferdie de la Torre Variety News Staff

KAE LANI Kinney rejected the \$50 million settlement offer mainly because Larry Lee Hillblom estate executor refused to publicly acknowledge that Kinney's child is Hillblom's son.

Roland Fairfield, one of the counsels for Kinney, told the Variety on Friday that what is most important for Kinney and her mother is not the money but an acknowledgment from the executor that Junior Larry Hillblom is indeed the late businessman's child.

Kinney, a Palawan now residing in Guam, filed a paternity and heirship claim for her son against the estate, saying that as a result of her relationship with Hillblom she gave birth to Junior Larry in 1984.

Fairfield said Kinney wants at least half of the estate's assets which the executor had estimated at \$450 million. "The offer is not enough," said Fairfield.

He said Kinney and her legal counsel team want to make a percentage of the real estate's value. "We believe that the estate is



Roland Fairfield

more than \$450 million because a lot of assets were not included," Fairfield said.

Fairfield said Kinney and her counsel led by David Lujan met in Guam last Monday where they discussed the offer.

The offer reportedly included an up front payment of \$5 million, another \$50,000 yearly for Kinney son Hillblom, and \$500,000 every five years for the rest of the boy's lifetime.

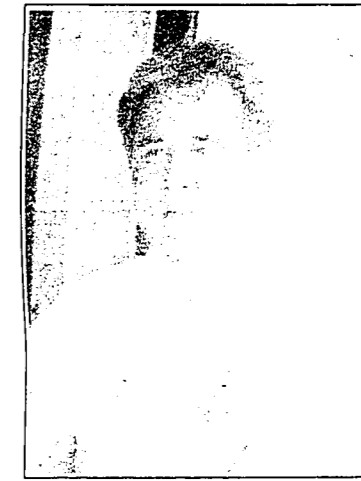
Kinney's counsel claimed that David R. Nevitt of the Carlsmith law firm sent them a formal settlement offer in a letter dated Dec.



Kaelani Kinney

21, 1995. Carlsmith represented the executor Bank of Saipan.

The letter said that the settle-



David Lujan

ment would only be offered until last Jan. 10. Nevitt denied making such an offer.

John Osborn, another estate's counsel, refused to comment on the offer.

Bank of Saipan Vice President Joe Waechter, who is overseeing the estate's management, however, reportedly confirmed to the Marianas Cable Vision last week that Kinney rejected the offer.

Another Kinney's counsel, Joe Hill, neither said they accepted nor denied the offer.

"We're just simply responding to the offer," Hill said. "It's up to them (estate) of their interpretation (to our response)."

Hill did not elaborate. The multimillionaire Hillblom died, along with former Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas and pilot Robert Long, in a seaplane crash off Anatahan waters on May 21, 1995.

Babauta exhorts Chamber to keep good business climate

By Mar-Vic C. Munar Variety News Staff

THE CNMI has to maintain a healthy social atmosphere to keep its "attractiveness" to investors, Washington Rep. Juan Babauta said Saturday.

He said the CNMI has all the economic advantages being part of the US government, while at the same time, having partial autonomy. It has local control over labor, immigration and taxation.

"But local control if not used wisely can be a destructive rather than a beneficial influence on business in the Commonwealth," Babauta said, keynoting the induction ceremony for new officer of the Chamber of Commerce.

Babauta said both the private and public sectors should aim for "a long term goal to follow through from the decision we made 20 years ago—that means, to make Marianas safe and attractive to our visitors; to create a Marianas that offers security and stability for our busi-

ness and investors; creating a Marianas in which each individual is treated fairly and with compassion."

Among the CNMI's economic advantages, according to Babauta, is its proximity to economic tigers such as Korea, Japan and Taiwan, as it gives the islands "tremendous appeal to tourists."

Also, he mentioned the security of US legal and financial system which gives investors the confidence they need.

As a result of this, the Gross Island Product grew five times bigger than it was before the Northern Marianas became part of the US.

Aside from these, the CNMI enjoys Covenant funds to help the government build infrastructure projects.

Some \$100 million flows into the CNMI and another \$154 million is ahead if Congress break



Juan Babauta

the budget impasse, Babauta said.

"All these advantages give us the ability to fine tune those key components to keep our developing economy..." the Washington representative said. "But US aid can only benefit us if we invest cautiously following a multiyear masterplan."

Tenorio to gov't men:

Work in proper attire



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Rafael H. Arroyo Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio has ordered all government employees to observe proper attire at all times when at the workplace.

In a directive issued last week, Tenorio told all department and activity heads to enforce a dress code that will eliminate informal outfits among public servants during office hours.

The order takes effect today.

"In a continuing effort to increase professionalism of our public servants, I am directing that all government employees dress in proper attire that is suitable for the workplace," said Tenorio.

Directive No. 170 prohibits blue jeans, spandex or stretch pants, shorts, t-shirts and other leisure wear.

Under the directive, Tenorio said it will be the responsibility of department and activity heads to inform employees about the new policy.

He also said such officials shall make it clear to their employees that those wearing improper attire would be asked to take the necessary leave from work so he or she can go home and change in appropriate attire.

"Time keepers shall be required to monitor all absences for any future review by the Public Auditor," Tenorio said.

According to the governor, the only exception to the proper attire rule are those employees whose work requires them to do field work, i.e., CUC linemen, mechanics and maintenance staff.

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Tony Pellegrino (second to left) president of Saipan Ice and Water is awarded Businessperson of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce during the Installation Evening Saturday. To his left is Kimberly Class and Efrain Camacho. At the podium is Mike Sablan.

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., holds a copy of New York Post with the headline "Hillary Did It" on Capitol Hill during a news conference to discuss the involvement of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in the firing of the staff of the White House travel office. A White House memo released Friday claims Mrs. Clinton was behind the firing of travel office employees. (AP Photo)

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A salute to a friend

A TEACHER, an environmentalist, fisherman, an Olympian and a friend for many who have made his acquaintance, David T. Aldan, was recently called to his eternal rest.

I find tidings of his untimely passing somewhat shocking in that more so than this scribe, he was a muscle-bound athlete who excelled in swimming. But then fate has its own strange twist for every living soul who treads this planet earth.

I worked with Dave Aldan in the summer of 1969 at the Saipan Day Camp held at Paupau Beach in Marpi. He headed the Swim Class along with other Olympians like Frank Rogopes and the late Frank Quitugua. The trio introduced campers fearful of water to swimming, many of whom eventually became good swimmers.

Dave was blessed with an ultra-sense of tolerance and understanding. He was superbly a natural with young people. He understands their behavior and firmly bring the more energetic type right back to their appropriate place. I once watched him introduce seven year olds dip their heads into the water. Several had red eyes, crying for fear of drowning or not breathing for several short seconds. By the time the program was completed, they were swimmers who braved the make-shift swimming pool at Paupau Beach.

I remember going with camp counselors for a picnic at the Grotto. Dave, Rogopes and the late Quitugua would jump off a twenty foot rock wall right into the pool. I was sitting close by marveling at their smooth entry. They were superb swimmers! Throughout the course of the day, they challenged this scribe into taking a dive in the rather suspiciously dark abyss of the Grotto. I relented but only on condition that the tube be tied with a rope so they could pull me in when the current drags it away from the rocky platform.

I am sure there are former students who frequented Dave's class then who have come to appreciate him for his positive and constructive contributions in one form or another. Dave cared about the future of every kid who sat in his classroom or out in the camp at Paupau Beach. I've never heard him utter negative things about anyone. He was full of energy and dedicated every iota of it to bettering the skill (swimming or drafting) of his pupils. His contribution in the identification of indigenous flora and fauna would indeed make a dent in the preservation not only of the natural habitats of paradise, but in strengthening and perpetuating their indigenous names.

For all that you are Dave, I am sure former counselors who participated in the 1969 Saipan Day Camp join this scribe in extending our most profound sense of Si Yuus Maase for your wise counsel, dedicated efforts, great humor and wonderful sense of camaraderie. We will remember you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May you find everlasting peace and tranquillity with Him. Again, Si Yuus Maase yan Ghilisol!

I overheard two young pupils bluff each other about their grandmothers. One said his grandma is "one tough cookie". The other retorted that his grandma is even tougher than any living grandma the world over. Said his buddy: "Listen, my grandma buried three guys, two of them in a snap!"

Not to be left scoreless, the other pupil said his father is very smart he "once took me in his arms, threw me up in the air and quickly left to answer the door". His buddy shook his head saying "How could he have done that to you?" He replied: "You see, being very smart goes around in a cycle until you reach the stupidity level." The father is actually an absent minded technocrat.

A buddy of mine once took a trip to Paris. While there, he and his friends decided to see what night life was like in down town Paris. Most French people he met have blond hair and blue eyes. Said he: "The Lord is really unfair! He gave these guys beautiful golden hair, blue eyes, light pigmentation, height and body". He promised to quiz St. Peter this very question when he gets to the pearly gate.

Lamented a friend: "You see, when the Lord was passing out blue eyes, blond hair, light skin, pointed nose, etc., those who lived in nearby countries were able to find Him in quickly. If they're lost on their way to the Promise Land, they stop by gas stations and asked for direction. Our forefathers have always lived on an island. So when they set sail to secure their share of the same limbs, they were lost at sea. There are no gas stations to pull over and ask for directions so for the next forty thousand years, they were playing the open sea of the entire Pacific Ocean. By that time there's nothing left except dark this and dark that or not enough this and that. Do you understand?"

"Well, shouldn't He have stored some for those who came late to the Promise Land?"

Whatever the case, my buddy is still hopping mad at what he calls an "inequity" in the manner blond hair, blue and green eyes and tall physique were distributed. I'm convinced that super legal eagle Lucifer had something to do with it when St. Peter fell asleep.

"You see, pare, it is proven that soldiers with blue eyes are stronger when wounded in the battle field than those with brown eyes", he related. I had to tell him that with a chicken heart like his, it really doesn't make a difference whether he had blue or brown eyes. His temperament would never sail in any of the branches of the Armed Forces.



Film director's debut marred by death

By BOB THOMAS
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Talia Shire, noted for playing a member of the Corleone family in "The Godfather" trilogy and Sylvester Stallone's wife in the "Rocky" films, has followed the family trade: She has turned director.

The film is "One Night Stand." It stars Ally Sheedy as a young professional whose brief sexual encounter brings profound, even frightening changes in her life. It's a moody piece which had a brief release in Los Angeles and will be appearing across the country.

The tragic circumstances of the production almost overshadowed the film itself. Shire's husband, the prominent Hollywood dealmaker Jack Schwartzman, fell ill and died as she was struggling to complete "One Night Stand."

The actress-director spoke openly of her ordeal at the Bel-Air mansion she shared with her husband and their children.

The movie was sponsored by the legendary Roger Corman, whose low-budget films helped start the careers of Shire's brother, Francis Ford Coppola, as well as Martin Scorsese, Jonathan Demme, Peter Bogdanovich, Jack Nicholson and dozens more.

"The beauty of going first-time-out was having Roger Corman as mentor, as well as New World (releasing company) as sponsor," she said.

"With Roger you always have the opportunity to appeal to his inventiveness."

That allows you to smuggle in other things. So along with the mystery you also have the opportunity for the poetic, what I think is the woman's point of view."

She did not, however, seek the advice of her brother in the early stages.

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Espinosa told him to go away. Esteves was later arrested for disturbing the peace and assault.

While being arrested, the defendant allegedly told detective James DeLeon Guerrero that he will kill his mother if he is released.

McPhetres . . . Continued from page 1

to pick a choice between two unmarked doors—behind one was a Bengal tiger and the other, a slave girl. A young princess had to pick the choice for him.

The analogy: "The Marianas is like much the handsome commoner, some-choices are made by others, some by himself. In any event, there are risks and consequences."

"To get the most of the best and the least of the worst, there are enough choices that have to be made," McPhetres said.

The Chamber, which represents a cross-section of the business community is deemed to be one of the most influential groups in the Commonwealth.

Saying his parting words, meanwhile, Camacho urged members to "work hand in hand in facing challenges, not only in the economic but also the social aspects of the island."

"I showed it to Francis only at the end, when it was edited," she said. "He was terrific. He asked to be the presenter; he does so for the foreign version. That was a pat on the back that I was looking for."

He also sent her voice-mail messages during the production process, emphasizing that "the director really has to be the person to hold onto the story; don't let yourself lose your focus." He also told her that each scene should have some curious, unanswered questions.

With controlled emotion, Shire talked about how her husband pushed her into directing "One Night Stand."

He acted as executive producer and found the financing through his many contacts as an entertainment attorney.

"For only a week I banished him from the set because I was so scared," she said.

"Then he became very much an on-hands producer. It's wonderful to go from having your husband loving you and being your greatest fan to really respecting you as he sees the process happening."

"When I had brought the project in and started the post-production process, he was feeling terrible, terribly ill. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. It was strange; looking back I could see various things about behavior and health.

"It's a tricky cancer to diagnose. We decided along with the doctors that he had a tremendous chance to live with the various therapies."

We changed our lifestyles in this house. We lived very privately. I edited downstairs. He did his therapy in the morning," she said.

"I have to tell you, (we believed) he was going to live. That's the way it was until shortly before he died."

In another court story, last Friday police also arrested Joseph Crisostomo in Gualo Rai for allegedly violating a temporary restraining order.

Crisostomo allegedly forced his former wife into his vehicle and drove her away.

He was charged with criminal contempt.

The court set a \$500 cash for the defendant's release.

Camacho rebuts Camacho



Thomas J. Camacho



Bertha T. Camacho

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
THE head of the Citizens for Parks and Recreation Movement has taken issue with the statements of the director of the division of public lands published in the Variety last Jan. 5.

"Thomas J. Camacho said Bertha T. Camacho's claim that she was not aware of a master plan for the Garapan Central Park should not be an excuse, saying "the issue here is not the master plan."

"The point is that the area has already been designated as a park. She should know this because she was an employee of the former MPLC (Marianas Public Land Corp.) during the time the park was designated," he pointed out.

Last Jan. 4 Director Camacho admitted having recommended to Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio the approval of the lease of a portion of the Garapan park to the Saipan Fitness Club which is now building the Gold's Gym.

The director told the Variety that "our office thought that it was suitable

suit for a fitness club—there's nothing wrong with that."

Thomas Camacho, however, said the word "thought" and the sentence "there's nothing wrong with that" were misleading.

"The Division of Public Lands still believes that it's their jurisdiction (planning and developing a park) and not the Division of Parks and Recreation's," he said.

"To manage and dispose of public land is entirely and far different from developing, planning, managing, preserving, protecting public park lands under the leadership of a parks and recreation professional, not just another government official," he added.

The parks advocate also blamed the lands division for not taking any move to verify if the leased area is part of a designated park land.

He said if only the DPL researched further or simply made a call to the director of parks and recreation "maybe this conflict would have been avoided."

Bertha Camacho couldn't have said

Park advocate hits lands director

that she was not aware of a master plan that "Tom Camacho had shown on TV" since according to Thomas Camacho, the community had been consulted twice through public meetings to "seek their input on the types of recreational facilities and landscaping they would like to have in their park."

Also, he said, "before Garapan Central Park was designed and developed, the methodologies of park planning was initiated by first surveying the lot, inputting recreation amenities into a conceptual plan from a park professional point of view."

He said it was not his responsibility "as a citizen to make DPL officials aware of the park plans."

Bertha Camacho had said she was surprised to learn about the master plan so that she even asked Thomas, "How come you didn't make us aware of this particular plan?"

"The issue here is not about a specific plan, it's about preserving the environment such as our designated parks," Thomas Camacho said.

He also blamed the parks recreation division for "not protecting our park lands regardless of whether there's no

legal transfer or legal authority."

"That office has been in existence for at least 20 years through the taxpayers' contribution to manage and protect the CNMI Park System, and yet up until now is considered a maintenance office," he said.

Thomas Camacho has maintained his objection to the lease of the parkland to the fitness gym, which he considers a purely commercial undertaking.

The owner of the gym, Josephine Salas, has, for her part, maintained that the lease part was not designated as a parkland.

Barents to present 2nd tax report to Task Force

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE consultancy firm Barents Group will present to the Tax Task Force on Wednesday its second report containing an analysis of the CNMI's tax system including its recommendations.

The second report, according to task force chairman Jose Ayuyu, will contain a more comprehensive analysis of the current tax structure in the Commonwealth.

"The first report involved only an overview of the system," Ayuyu said. "The second one will look into details that work and do not work in the Commonwealth."

The report will be presented by Barents group's representative

Michael Vlaisajvich.

In the initial report submitted to the task force last Dec. 13, the tax expert noted the intricacies in the local tax system which made it incomprehensible to ordinary taxpayers.

As a result of this, the tax expert group had reported, several taxpayers failed to comply with the law.

The group had also said that tourism industry in the CNMI is in peril due to the high rate of excise tax it imposes on several tourist products.

"Based on the Barents group recommendation, we will find out what system is best for us," Ayuyu said.

The third phase of the task force's objectives, Ayuyu said, is to submit a final recommendation in a "legislative form" to the Governor's Office and the



Jose Ayuyu

Legislature.

The task force's recommendation will be based on that of the Barents group, Ayuyu said.

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Couple arrested in sting operation

TWO persons were arrested last week in a joint operation conducted by the US Drug Enforcement Agency, the CNMI Anti-drugs Task Force and the Department of Public Safety Narcotics Unit.

In a news release, Frederick A. Black, United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the NMI, announced that on January 11, 1996 at approximately 3:05 p.m., Janet H. Byron and Larry Bert ORAZU were arrested for possession and conspiracy to sell approximately 45 grams of crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as "ice."

Subsequent to their arrest, about 35 grams of hashish were also seized.

The arrest was made when DEA agents arranged to make



David T. Wood

an "undercover buy" from the couple.

DEA sources confirm that the "ice" was imported from Hongkong and indicated that the pair were offering other drugs for sale, including heroin and hashish.

Arrests for any drug related

crimes have been increasing on Saipan.

According to David T. Wood, Acting United States Attorney for the CNMI, this does not necessarily mean that more drugs are being im-

ported. Wood attributes the arrests to close cooperation among law enforcement agencies.

According to a DEA spokesman, agents from US Customs Service, U.S. Secret Service

and U.S. Marshals, as well as CNMI Customs and CNMI Department of Public Safety participated in the arrest.

The arrested individuals will be charged in United States District Court.

Executor's use of Hillblom estate monies opposed

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

DAVID Moncrieff, guardian for Larry Lec Hillblom's alleged daughter Jellian Cuartero, has stressed that his claim is an action seeking a court declaration that the child is a pretermitted heir.

Moncrieff, through counsel Randall Fennell, said Hillblom's estate executor has incorrectly characterized the claim as will contest, a paternity claim or a claim against the estate.

Fennell said the law dictionary defines a pretermitted heir as "a child or other descendant omitted by a testator."

The lawyer said by its very definition, a pretermitted child was omitted from and therefore cannot take from the will.

"A great majority of jurisdictions have held that an heirship proceeding brought by a pretermitted child does not constitute a contest of the will," Fennell said.

A pretermitted heir claim, Fennell explained, does not attack the will but seek only a distribution of the estate assets to which the pretermitted heirs are entitled by statute.

Moncrieff's claim asks the court not to set aside, revoke, or void the will, but rather to determine whether the child is a pretermitted heir, Fennell said.

If she is, Fennell said Jellian is entitled to her interstate share pursuant to law.

"This claim, is not an attack on the estate and does not diminish it...It merely seeks a determination that Jellian is entitled to at least a share in the estate," said Fennell.

Julie Cuartero, a Filipino, claimed that last May in Manila, Philippines, she gave birth to Jellian who is fathered by the late multimillionaire.

Fennell said the executor is a "stakeholder," charged only with the duty of protecting the estate from "out-



Julie Cuartero

side" attack.

The executor has no interest in the heirship claims and should not be allowed to expend estate funds to contest them, Fennell said.

"By doing so, the executor, is breaching and continues to breach, its duties to the estate," he argued.

Fennell also pointed out that the executor is exceeding its authority by making settlement offers out of estate funds to alleged heirs.

"While there is of course a strong public policy in favor of settlement of cases prior to trial, the executor does not have the authority to settle the heirship claims," he said.

He added that Moncrieff's claim does not diminish the estate and therefore the executor has no interest in contesting it.

At Friday's hearing, David Lujan, counsel for Kaclani Kinney, agreed with Fennell.

"It's not fair to use assets of the estate. What the executor is using is Junior Larry's money to fight Junior Larry's claim," Lujan said.

Continued use of estate's money in opposing heirship claims, Lujan said constitutes a depression of estate's funds.

"Let the fight between us and the trust," Lujan asked Superior Court Presiding Judge Alejandro Castro.

At the same probate hearing, Moncrieff, through counsel Mitchell E. Hornecker, and Kinney, through lawyers Roland Fairfield and Lujan, also sought a court order requiring Hillblom's brother Terry Hillblom, half brother Grant Anderson and mother Helen Anderson to submit to blood test in establishing Junior Larry and Jellian's paternity.

The executor, through counsel John Moore and David Olson, opposed the motions saying that the court does not have jurisdiction over them (Hillblom's relatives).

The executor argued that any order requiring them to submit to blood test would not be enforced in California.

The relatives are non-parties to the probate proceedings and their physical characteristics are not the issue, said the executor.

Castro put all the motions under advisement.

Guerrero...

Continued from page 1

of the performance of all the aspirants," he said.

Guerrero in an earlier interview said he is still interested in regaining the office he had held for four years prior to losing to current gov. Froilan C. Tenorio in the 1993 polls.

He, however, indicated he would need more time to weigh his options.

Two other Republican aspirants have already thrown themselves into the gubernatorial race.

Former Gov. Pete P. Tenorio last Monday said he will be seeking the governorship for the third time in his political career, possibly with Senate President Jesus R. Sablan as his runnimgate.

He, however, has yet to submit an official letter of intent to the party.

On the other hand, Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta last Thursday officially expressed his intention to the party leadership that he will vie for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

With two prominent Repub-

licans already declaring their political plans, a primary is apparent.

Should Guerrero declare himself as a candidate, a three-sided primary maybe imminent, although the conduct of such a preliminary poll largely depends on the party leadership.

Asked if the option is still there for him to run, Guerrero said yes.

"Of course, the option is still there. But the party should meet and set up ground rules if it wants to have a strong showing in the elections," said Guerrero.

When contacted last night, Republican Chairman Benigno R. Fitial said the party's candidates committee met last Wednesday and last night to establish guidelines on the selection of candidates.

He said he is expecting a report from committee chairman Joe I. Guerrero soon.

After the guidelines have been set, Fitial said the committee will then be calling in gubernatorial aspirants to discuss strategies and plans for 1997.

NMA present honorees

The Northern Marianas Academy congratulates its outstanding academic achievers for Fall semester 1995: NMA President's List NMA Principal's List NMC President's List NMC Dean's List

(3.8.40 GPA)	(3.5.3.79GPA)	(3.6.4.0GPA)	(3.2.3.5 GPA)
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Coward, Ken	Bingham, Skylar	Bingham, Skylar	Jordan, Jessica
Jcong, Eun Hee	Lin, Michelle	Castro, Christopher	Lin Michelle
Kirscheneiter, Krissta	Nevitt, Brooke	Coward, Ken	Manibusan, Edward
Van Lanen, Amanda	Nevitt, Megan	Jeong, Eun Hee	McPhetres, Sam
	Schweizer, Daniel	Kirscheneiter, Krissta	Nevitt, Megan
	Tudela, Shirley	Nevitt, Brooke	Sablan, Anthony
		Schweizer, Daniel	Sablan, Christopher
		Van Lanen, Amanda	Sablan, Ronnie
			Tudela, ShirleyLY
			Zehr, Christina

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Evergreen College in Washington. One graduate has been accepted at the Colorado State University at Fort Collins and might enroll this fall 1996 All NMA graduates with an AA degree from NMC were accepted as Juniors when they enrolled in their respective universities/colleges. And one of the 1994 graduates is expected to receive his B.A. degree in Business in May of this year.

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Manila newsbriefs

Oil prices to stay low



Fidel V. Ramos

PRESIDENT Fidel V. Ramos and Congress leaders said that oil prices will be kept down to less than P10 a liter.

Speaker Jose de Venecia said the Chief Executive and Congress leaders have decided that a high-price policy is anathema to industrialization.

Along with Senate President Nepali Gonzales, the national leaders said that the administration has decided to grant all the necessary incentives to spread the building of oil refineries now concentrated in Luzon to the Visayas and Mindanao regions.

RP, Singapore trade envoys

THE PHILIPPINES and Singapore are set to exchange ambassadors this week which would pave the way for the normalization of the diplomatic ties of the two countries.

Sources from the DFA disclosed that Alberto Encomicenda, former Philippine envoy to Malaysia will be assigned as the country's ambassador to the city-state.

Meanwhile, DFA Secretary Domingo Siazon Jr. said that Leonides Caday, newly appointed Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for migrant workers, will assume his new post late this month.

Siazon said that Caday is set to vacate his current assignment as ambassador to South Africa on January 26 and is expected to assume his new role after that date.

US-RP meet in Manila

THE PHILIPPINES and the United States will be holding bilateral talks this month in Manila to thresh out issues affecting political and economic relations between Manila and Washington, DFA Secretary Domingo Siazon Jr. said.

Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific Winston Lord will be visiting Manila two weeks to meet Siazon and other key Philippine officials to discuss bilateral and multilateral concerns.

Topping the agenda of Messrs. Siazon and Lord are the country's defense relations with the US, particularly aspects of the Mutual Defense Treaty such as the annual Balikatan exercises, the extension of the US generalized system of preferences (GSP) scheme for Philippine exports to the American market, American investments in the country, and other regional concerns such as the dispute over the Spratly Islands, terrorism, and the APEC.

Japan pledges ¥10-B

JAPAN has pledged an APEC fund of ten billion yen (US\$9,496 M) to help boost the development of small and medium enterprises (SME) projects in the country.

The amount was committed during the Osaka Summit last November, the Department of Trade and Industry, through the Bureau of Small and Medium Business Development (BSMBD), is coordinating with its Japanese counterpart on the proposed SME projects to be undertaken by the government.

Ms. Fina Yonson said the bureau is still in the process of identifying the proposed SME projects.

Once these projects are identified, the APEC fund will be tapped, she added.

Thatcher to visit RP

FORMER British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is scheduled to visit the Philippines this month as a guest of Citibank Asian Leadership Series.

She will address a gathering of bank customers and guests during her visit.

She is also expected to call on President Fidel Ramos.

The Citibank Asian Leadership Series was launched in Manila and other Asian capitals in 1992 to celebrate the bank's 90th year in Asia and the Philippines.

Mindanao projects pushed

THE PHILIPPINES and Malaysia are currently negotiating to push for infrastructure projects in Mindanao in line with the development of the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asian Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA).

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) documents showed that the two countries are currently negotiating for the implementation of 25 infrastructure projects in Puerto Princesa, Cagayan de Oro City, Iligan, General Santos, Davao and Zamboanga City.

The projects are among the results of the 36-man Malaysian Mission to Southern Philippine wherein a high-level delegation from the Construction Industry Development Board of Malaysia explored possible areas of bilateral cooperation.

A total of 44 joint projects were initially negotiated, two of which were in the memorandum of agreements (MOAs) signed during the fourth Senior Officials and Ministerial Meeting (SOMM) in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia last year.

CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
State Board of Education

PUBLIC NOTICE

(MEETING RESCHEDULED)

The Regular Meeting of the CNMI Public School System State Board of Education scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 1996 has been rescheduled to Friday, January 19, 1996. The meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m. in the PREL West Conference Room, Suite 203, Bank of Hawaii Building, Puerto Rico, Saipan. The agenda is set forth below:

AGENDA

I.	CALL TO ORDER	Action
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III.	ADOPTION OF MINUTES	Action
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	2. 1/8/96	
IV.	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
V.	COMMITTEE REPORTS	
VI.	COMMISSIONER'S REPORT	
VII.	NEW BUSINESS	
VIII.	OLD BUSINESS	
IX.	MISCELLANEOUS	
X.	ADJOURNMENT	

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. For additional information please call 322-4006.

/s/Thomas B. Pangelinan
Chairman, State Board of Education

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PNG to oil firms: 'Fulfill plans or be kicked out'

THE Papua New Guinea government has given the developers of the country's first two oil refineries 90 days to fulfill important and mandatory environmental and financial plans or be kicked out, the National reported last week.

The ultimatum, issued by commerce and industry minister Nakikus Konga has also been given to the developers of the Port Moresby Fish cannery.

Mr. Konga said the government was disappointed that major projects like Motukea in the National Capital District, Kopi in Gulf Province and the fish cannery in the capital, which were scheduled to start last year, have yet to fulfill important requirements.

The Port Moresby fish cannery and the two oil refineries have not submitted the mandatory requirements to the government by the agreed date and as a result may face termination of their respective project agreements.

Mr. Konga said the National Executive Council has directed his department to seek explanations from the Motukea and Kopi oil refinery developers within 90 days as to the reasons for the delay in implementing NEC decisions or the project agreements will be terminated....Pacnews

Group warns of ethnic threat to sovereignty

IN Vanuatu, the Kristian Independent Candidate group - KIK - that contested last November's general election has warned of a threat of ethnic minorities undermining the national interest and political sovereignty of the country, Radio Vanuatu reported last week.

businessman Dinh Van Than who have been accused by the opposition Unity Front of helping to set up the new coalition government for their own interest.

In a statement KIK spokesman Reverend John Shing said that the political sovereignty of Vanuatu has been 'hijacked' by these ethnic minorities.

Reverend Shing called on all leaders to unite in a common goal for the interest of the country instead of living to the ethnic minorities. ...Pacnews

KIK claims that these ethnic minorities are perverting the political situation in the country for their own gains.

The group was referring to the naturalized citizens of Chinese and Vietnamese descent led by

All-out war on BRA urged

PAPUA New Guinea's Opposition Deputy Leader Roy Evara has called for "all-out-war" on the Bougainville Revolutionary Army, the Post-Courier reported last week.

under fire from security forces as they approached Koromlra after crossing by boat from Honiara in Solomon Islands.

Sir Julius said the security forces patrol involved had been checking for smugglers and was not aware who was in the two boats.

Sir Julius said the BIG delegates were supposed to have travelled by helicopter, and if they wanted to travel by boat they should have reported at Torato island on the border for normal customs and immigration clearance.

Mr. Evara, in a statement said

that if the rebels wanted war it should be given to them. He said Sir Julius should order their rebel-held hills blown into the sky.

He said peace could not be negotiated unless the BRA rebels fully surrendered to the security forces.

Mr. Evara said the prime minister's tactics had become too costly and more soldiers were being killed while trying to maintain peace - something for which they were not trained....Pacnews

Court throws out case vs mag

THE Suva High Court threw out a case in which two Fiji cabinet ministers had asked for an injunction and damages from The Review magazine for a story implicating them in the National Bank of Fiji scandal.

greatly injured their credit, reputation and occupation.

They also pointed to the confidentiality and secrecy that are supposed to regulate relations between banks and their clients.

In response, Justice Daniel Fatiaki said while he appreciates confidentiality is vital for banking, he cannot accept that it is the function of the court to provide this protection when parliament has failed to do so.

Justice Fatiaki said he does not doubt The Review report contains information that is highly personal, private and confidential.

But, he said, he cannot accept that publication of the leaked Aidrey-Dickson audit report, which was the source of much of the article, was a criminal offence in itself....Pacnews

Fiji begins talks with US

FUJI has begun preliminary discussions to revise its air services agreements with the United States and Canada.

renegotiate the heavy charges currently paid by Air Pacific when servicing in Los Angeles.

The talks, headed by tourism secretary Nemani Buresova, come as Air Pacific began its secondly weekly flight to Los Angeles amid hopes of further boosting tourism from the United States....Pacnews

New police officer

TONGA's King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV has officially announced the appointment of the kingdom's new police commissioner, Radio Tonga reported last week.

William Clive Edwards replaces the late Hon 'Akau'ola who held the position for almost thirty years before he passed away late last month.

Mr. Edwards began his childhood education in Vava'u and Tongatapu. Pacnews....

INVITATION FOR BID COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION CUC IFB 96-0012 December 27, 1995

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting bids from interested companies for Installation of Water Meters and Appurtenances.

Approximately 1,300 3/4" diameter Precision Water Meters and meter boxes are to be installed at existing service connections on Saipan in area including, but not limited to San Antonio, Aletnas, Tanapag, Sadog Tasi, Capital Hill, San Vicente, Dandan, As Lito, Fina Sisu, Chalan Piao, Agag, As Teo, Kanatabla, and Garapan. These meters are to be installed in areas that receive 24 hour water. The contractor(s) will have 180 days to complete installation of these meters.

Installation will be in primarily residential areas and must be made in accordance with standard installation drawings. All materials will be supplied by CUC. Tools and labor are to be provided by the contractor(s) selected for the installations. All disturbed areas are to be restored to as close to original condition as possible. A standard installation drawing may be picked up at CUC's Water Division after January 02, 1996.

Bids submitted must be marked CUC-IFB 96-0012, and submitted to the CUC Procurement and Supply Manager, Lower Base Area, P.O. Box 1220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 1600 hours local time, on January 22, 1996.

This IFB does not commit the CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a bid under this request, or to procure or contract for materials.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Rudy Sablan, Water Division Manager for CUC at telephone (670) 322-9383, facsimile number (670) 322-9382.

Timothy P. Villagomez Executive Director

MTC calendar features Connie Adams

IN CELEBRATION of Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation's (MTC's) 15 anniversary (1981-1996), the company has sponsored a limited edition 1996 calendar entitled Magic of the Marianas.

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"Sponsorship of this calendar is one way MTC can help promote the history and rich cultures of the Northern Marianas Islands," said MTC General Manager Rob Enfield. "Several of my favorite paintings are included in the calendar.... it's beautiful."

A limited number of calendars will be available for \$7.95 each at the MTC Customer Service Center. A portion of the proceeds will be used to help promote the cultural traditions of the Northern Marianas.

As part of its 15 year anniversary, MTC is also offering its subscribers a complimentary poster-style calendar which features a full-color print of Adams "Coco Mango".



As a kick-off to its 15th anniversary celebration in 1996, MTC has sponsored a calendar featuring the work of watercolorist Connie J. Adams (center). Lino Olopai of the Aging Office (left) and William Macaranas (right) of the Chamorro-Carolinian Language Policy Commission.

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"It was not their right to come here (to FSM) and spoil us," he said. "So they have a moral obligation to assist us until we're on our own."

Patten welcomes visit of Qian to Hong Kong



Two delivery drivers carry a dentists drill and chair along a Beijing street Thursday January 4, 1995. Flatbed tricycles are still the most favored means of delivery in the Chinese capital despite increasing numbers of trucks and cars. (AP Photo)

HONG KONG (AP) - Gov. Chris Patten said Sunday a visit by China's Foreign Minister Qian Qichen to Hong Kong would boost confidence in territory towards its handover to Chinese rule in 1997.

"He would get a warm and civilized welcome. A visit from him would, I am sure, be a big boost to confidence," Patten told Hong Kong radio.

After a protracted dispute over electoral reforms introduced in 1992 by Patten, British-Chinese relations appear to be on the mend following exchanges by the two foreign ministers.

Last week, British Foreign Minister Malcolm Rifkind visited Beijing and the two sides agreed on several thorny issues.

But China repeats its pledge to disband Hong Kong's legislature in 1997, because it was elected under rules devised by Patten without Beijing's consent.

Patten also called upon Beijing to build a prosperous future for Hong Kong, warning "Chinese officials and China's rather narrow circle of advisers in Hong Kong not to drop rocks on all our toes."

Last month, Beijing excluded members of Hong Kong's largest political party, the Democrats, from a 150-member committee that will work out how the territory's first post-colonial government and legislature will be formed.

Meanwhile, Patten on Sunday urged Hong Kong people to speak out for their democratic future.

"No one, no one, should keep silent. This is a time, if ever there was one, for speaking up and saying what one wants to happen, and what one expects to happen, to preserve Hong Kong," he said.

"But if we don't speak up for what we believe in, no one else will do it for us," he added.

China has promised that Hong Kong will have a high degree of autonomy after 1997 and that its free-wheeling capitalist system will be left unchanged for at least 50 years. But there has been mounting concern here that Beijing might renege on its promises.

China to provide Burma with loans, technology

RANGOON, Burma (AP) - China has strengthened ties with Burma by agreeing to provide low-interest loans and technical help for the Burmese economy, an official report said Sunday.

The two countries reached the agreements during a visit to China by the senior leader of Burma's ruling military junta, Gen. Than Shwe. The general ended his week-long visit Saturday, the state-run New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported.

China, already Burma's biggest trading partner and its main political ally, has steadily increased its influence here, while Western nations continue to shun the Rangoon regime for its human rights abuses and disregard for democratic rule.

Burma's military seized power in 1988 after murdering hundreds of people in a crackdown on pro-democracy street demonstrations.

Chinese and Burmese officials signed a framework agreement for China to provide subsidized loans to Burma, as well as a pact for technical and economic cooperation.

They also agreed to intensify cultural exchanges, the newspaper reported, quoting a joint communique issued Saturday.

Than Shwe reiterated Burma's "One-China policy," describing Taiwan as "an inalienable part of China," it said.

The Burmese leader met Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Prime Minister Li Peng in Beijing. They agreed to explore new ways to cooperate in economics and to push trade to a new high, the report said.

Burma traded goods with China worth an estimated \$600 million last year, 18 percent more than in 1994.

Burma's neighbors, including India, fear that China's motives in cultivating ties with Burmese rulers are not purely economic. Some say Beijing wants to project its military power into the Indian Ocean.

Western intelligence reports show that China has helped for several years to build three deep-water ports in Burma and a sophisticated radar facility on the Coco Islands in the Indian Ocean.

Trial of Roh Tae-woo resumes

By PAUL SHIN
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - The trial of former President Roh Tae-woo, in jail on charges of taking bribes in office, resumes Monday with defense lawyers expected to focus on cross-examining the defendant.

Monday's session, the second since Dec. 18, comes three days after another former president, Chun Doo-hwan, was indicted on similar charges. Chun had already

been charged with engineering a coup 16 years ago. The two retired army generals are the first ex-presidents to be charged with criminal wrongdoing in office.

If convicted, Roh faces 10 years to life in prison. Chun can be sentenced to the death penalty in connection with the coup, although it is unlikely to be imposed.

During the first hearing, prosecutors charged that Roh took \$365 million in bribes from businessmen in exchange for helping them win contracts for major government projects, including nuclear power plants, highways and military facilities.

The alleged bribes were part of \$650 million that Roh has publicly admitted he amassed in a slush fund during his 1988-93 term. The ex-president claimed that the money came from "donations."

Roh claimed that he spent most of the money to help run his governing party but he was found to have \$295 million still hidden in secret bank accounts and real estate.

A defense lawyer for Roh, Kim Yoo-hu, indicated Sunday that he would seek to prove Roh's innocence by demonstrating that the former president was simply following a longstanding practice of his predecessors.

Also standing trial with Roh are 15 top businessmen and former government officials who served under Roh.

They were charged with bribing Roh or helping him raise the slush fund.

Roh's predecessor and friend, Chun, also was found to have amassed a \$900 million slush fund during his 1980-88 term. Prosecutors said the slush fund included \$75 million Chun allegedly took in bribes from 42 businessmen.

Details of Chun's slush fund were obtained from questioning nearly 1,000 businessmen, former government and bank officials.

Chun, recuperating in a hospital from a long hunger strike, refused to cooperate with the investigation to make at least one bomb.



Roh Tae-woo

The 64-year-old Chun staged a 26-day hunger strike in December to protest what he called political retaliation.

President Kim Young-sam has yet to clear up suspicions that he used part of Roh's slush fund for his successful 1992 campaign. Kim denied the charges but admitted that he also received money from businessmen before becoming president in 1993.

"No politician, including me, can be free of such practices," Kim said in a New Year's address last week.

"But I have never accumulated money for myself. I spent all for my party and to help poor colleagues."

First nuclear equipment leaves for North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - The first ship carrying equipment for two nuclear power plants to replace North Korea's suspect nuclear reactor program left Sunday for the reclusive communist state, maritime officials said.

The 1,042-ton Chinese freighter Yanlong 4 left the southern port of Pusan Sunday morning after loading equipment to be used mainly for site surveys in the North for the planned reactors, they said.

It was the first Western-made gear to be shipped to the communist North since a 1994 nuclear deal in which Washington promised to build the reactors at an estimated cost of \$4.5 billion.

The North pledged to freeze and eventually dismantle its current nuclear program, suspected of harboring a weapons development agenda.

The shipment followed a December agreement in New York on the terms of building the modern light-water reactors, which will produce far less weapons-grade material than North Korea's existing Soviet-designed reactors.

The load includes drilling and seismic testing gear and pumps and was expected to arrive in Rajin, a port on North Korea's northeast coast, on Tuesday. It will later be transported by truck to Sinpo, a fishing village where the North wants to build the reactors.

Bad weather had delayed the shipment for three days.

Also Sunday, Seoul officials said a 20-member team of international nuclear experts, including 17 South Koreans, will arrive in North Korea on Tuesday via Beijing.

The experts will conduct site surveys in Sinpo following up on the results of three earlier visits, organized by the Korea Peninsula Energy Development Organization, a U.S.-led consortium set up to coordinate the reactor project.

Currently, U.S. and Japanese officials are in Seoul to discuss strategies and details of the project, including how to divide the cost.

On Saturday, Choi Dong-jin, who heads up South Korea's negotiating team, met U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Hubbard and Japan's ambassador-at-large Tetsuya Endo.

North, South Korea at odds over envoy's defecting wife

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Zambian and U.N. authorities are mulling over the fate of a North Korean diplomat's wife in Zambia who had reportedly asked to defect to rival South Korea, officials said Sunday.

North Korea claims that Choe Soo Bong, 36, wife of a North Korean diplomat in Zambia, was kidnapped by South Koreans and that she was held in the South Korean Embassy.

The diplomatic row over the woman, reportedly a daughter-in-law of a high-ranking North Korean communist party official, could further strain already tense relations between the two Koreas, bitter enemies since their division into the communist North and capitalist South in 1945.

Foreign Ministry officials said that Choe, citing disenchantment with the North's communist regime, asked the South Korean embassy in Zambia last Sunday to grant political asylum.

The Embassy handed her over to the Zambia government Thursday to decide her fate, together with officials from the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, they said.

South Korean officials refused to give further details. But news reports, quoting unnamed government officials, reported that Choe's husband, Hyun Sung Il, was a son of Hyun Chul Kyu, communist party chief of North Korea's South Hamkyong Province.

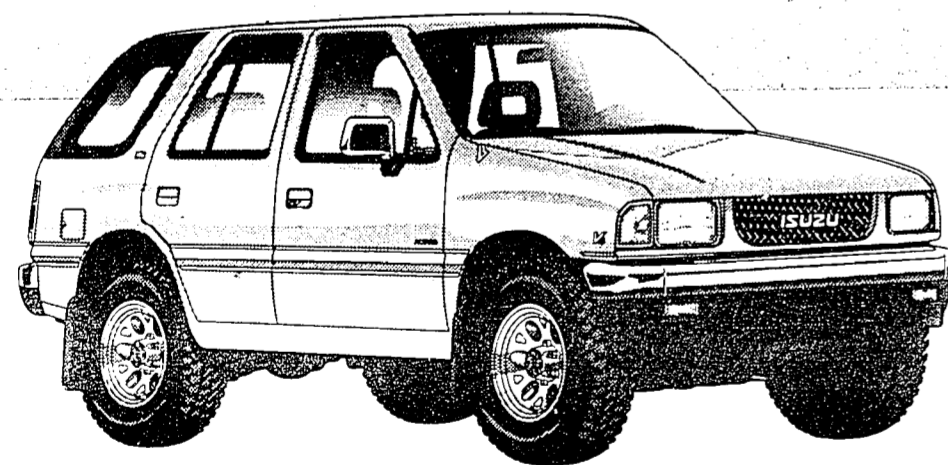
Zambia is a longtime ally of the communist North. It established diplomatic ties with capitalist Seoul in 1990.

North Korea regularly accuses Seoul of kidnapping when its citizens defect to South Korea. Increasing numbers of North Koreans, including about 80 in the past two years, have defected here, citing increasing economic hardships.

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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Notice is hereby given that the Regular Meeting of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors will be held on Friday, January 19, 1996. The meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m., in Conference Room No. 1, CUC Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan. The agenda is set forth below:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes
 1. November 30, 1995
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 1. Operations Committee
 2. Personnel Committee
- IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Equity Conversion
 2. Feasibility Study-Privatization
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VIII. (EXECUTIVE SESSION) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/CARLOSA. SHODA, Chairman
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Muslims, Croats violate Dayton accord

Peace pact allies in artillery clash

By GEORGE JAHN
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - President Clinton praised NATO's peace mission in Bosnia only hours after the country's peace accord was violated by renewed fighting between Muslims and Croats.

The fighting in the Usora valley represented the most serious violation of the Dayton peace agreement since it was signed a month ago. It took place only 60 kilometers (35 miles) west of Tuzla, where Clinton visited U.S. troops Saturday taking part in the NATO-led mission to enforce the peace. Clinton lauded the U.S. soldiers, who will eventually make up a third of the 60,000-strong force, for helping end the fighting in Bosnia and told them: "The Bosnian people have chosen peace."

He later flew to Croatia, where

he met with President Franjo Tudjman and told the Croats not to endanger the peace accord.

"I have come to support not only the peace process, but the federation between Muslims and Croats," Clinton told several hundred Croats who greeted him at Zagreb airport.

The Bosnian peace accord, negotiated in Dayton, Ohio, is structured around a Muslim-Croat federation and a Serb republic. But the federation has been burdened by mutual distrust since it was formed in March 1994 after a year of Muslim-Croat fighting.

The Bosnian government fears that Croatia wants to annex regions of Bosnia where ethnic Croats live. Should the federation collapse, the entire accord would be jeopardized.

Also Saturday, the withdrawal of foreign Islamic fighters from

Bosnia hit a snag when a group of about 250 mujahedeen refused to cross into Croatia on their route out of the Balkans.

Under the peace accord, all foreign fighters must leave Bosnia by mid-January. Officials of the NATO force said last week that about 250 mujahedeen - down from a one-time high of 800 - remained in Bosnia.

Their departure was halted in Bihac on Saturday, apparently by the news that Croatian special police forces, in full combat gear, were waiting in 25 jeeps just across the border to escort the Islamic fighters out of the country.

The mujahedeen began arriving in Bosnia shortly after war began in 1992 to help the outgunned government army.

From their base in central Bosnia, they fought battles against both ethnic Croats and Serbs.

There were conflicting accounts of the artillery exchanges in Usora.

A Bosnian Croat commander, Drago Dragicevic, said about 300 government troops, armed with artillery, crossed into the Croat-controlled Usora valley Friday in an apparent attempt to take two villages.

But Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic told The Associated Press that Bosnian Croat forces "tried to enter an area that should have been vacated by the Dayton agreement."

"They raised a Croatian flag there," Silajdzic said. "Our forces responded."

He also said that a police unit from Croatia, which supports the Bosnian Croats, had been sent to Mostar, "but I do not know of any agreement between (Croatia and Bosnia) for them to be there."

Usora only added to the mis-

trust caused by Mostar, a southwestern city that bore the brunt of Muslim-Croat fighting in 1993 and was left divided between the two ethnic groups.

Attempts to reunite Mostar are foundering, and a Muslim and a Croat were killed there this month by small arms fire.

Clinton and Tudjman agreed that the U.S. mediator for the federation, Roberts B. Owen, would go to Mostar, a city under European Union administration, to try and resolve differences between its Muslims and Croats, said Tudjman's spokeswoman Natasa Rajakovic.

Capt. Michael Jensen, a NATO spokesman in Zagreb, said the Bosnian Croat and government commanders from the Usora area met early Saturday with the NATO-led troops and "managed to settle down the problems and agreed to withdraw their troops" behind previously held lines. He had no other details.

"I think that some Croat political circles are not ready to give up what they call the Croat state in Bosnia," Silajdzic said.

"I've been trying to warn about this... but everybody thinks it will go away. It won't go away until the people that want to disintegrate Bosnia go away."

Departure of foreign Islamic fighters snagged

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) - The withdrawal of foreign Islamic fighters from Bosnia hit a snag when a group of about 250 mujahedeen refused to cross into neighboring Croatia on their way out of the Balkans.

According to the Dayton peace accord, all foreign fighters must be out of Bosnia by mid-January.

Officials of the NATO-led mission to enforce the peace said last week about 250 mujahedeen - down from a one-time high of about 800 - remained in Bosnia.

Officials of Bosnia's Muslim-led government told Associated Press Television in the northwest Bosnian town of Bihac that the Islamic fighters refused to drive into Croatia on Saturday, apparently fearing reprisals.

Islamic fighters began arriving in Bosnia shortly after war began in 1992 to help the outgunned government army.

From their base in central Bosnia they fought battles against both ethnic Croats and Serbs.

Their departure was halted in Bihac apparently by the news that Croatian special police forces, in full combat gear, were waiting in 25 jeeps just across the border to escort the Islamic fighters out of the country.

Bosnian officials said the group would spend the night in the Bihac area. It was not immediately clear how the standoff would be resolved.

Dole, Forbes take heat in Iowa debate

By JOHN KING
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Front-runner Bob Dole and millionaire Steve Forbes faced repeated, bristling criticism as nine Republican presidential hopefuls staged an energetic debate one month before a key primary vote in Iowa.

Dole's Republican rivals cast him Saturday as out of step with a resurgent Republican Party and too eager to cut deals with President Clinton, a Democrat.

Dole, the Senate majority leader, responded that he had never abandoned Republican principles but that doing business with Democrats was necessary for effective government.

"Bob Dole is not a polarizer," Dole said. "Bob Dole provides leadership. Bob Dole delivers."

Given Dole's big lead here in Iowa, where he won the presidential primary elections in 1988, it was no surprise that the Kansas senator was an early and frequent target in the 90-minute, nationally televised forum.

But Dole was hardly the target of choice, a distinction that went to Forbes as the fourth Republican candidates' debate turned out to be the most contentious, full of confrontations and colorful one-liners.

The Forbes factor was a boon to Dole, who got to relax for much of the forum and watch Forbes take the heat. It

was also stunning proof of how Forbes has dramatically altered the nomination contest with his 17 percent flat tax plan and a multimillion-dollar television advertising barrage.

Forbes has vaulted into second place in the Republican race, both in national surveys and in the early-contest states of Iowa and New Hampshire, emerging as the top threat to Dole so far and frustrating the efforts of former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and commentator Pat Buchanan.

The three were forced to take time away from challenging Dole in hopes a spotlight on Forbes would wilt his support.

"The Forbes tax plan is a truly nutty idea in the Jerry Brown tradition," Alexander said, linking his rival to the liberal former California governor who pushed the flat tax in his 1992 run for president.

The forum, sponsored by the Des Moines Register newspaper, began with each of the candidates pledging to balance the budget and cut taxes.

Over the next 90 minutes, each played to the state's conservative Republican voters, vowing to cut wasteful government spending, shift power back to the states and use the presidency to promote strong values and families. Aside from the attacks on Forbes' pure flat tax, there were few

major substantive disagreements. One was on Social Security.

Most of the Republicans vowed not to touch the retirement program as they balanced the budget.

Dole, so nervous about the Forbes' surge in Iowa that he launched ads critical of Forbes this weekend, took several pokes at the publisher's inherited wealth.

"I want to be fair and join in the piling on a little bit," Buchanan said with a smile.

He said the Forbes approach would favor the rich by not taxing investment income and must have been "worked up by the boys down at the yacht basin."

Even Morry Taylor, a long-shot businessman in the Republican field, went after Forbes.

Under the Forbes approach, Taylor said he would pay no taxes on \$15 million in capital gains while workers in his wheel factories paid 17 percent of their wages. "That's not fair," Taylor said.

Forbes attributed the attacks to "lifetime politicians" desperate to protect the status quo in Washington. And he sharply returned Alexander's fire, say-



Bob Dole

ing, "He raised taxes as governor so he doesn't know the magic of tax cuts."

As Tennessee governor, Alexander raised sales taxes to pay for schools and new roads used to attract industry to the state.

The heavy focus on Forbes benefited Dole, who has rarely campaigned because of his Senate duties and therefore given rivals few opportunities to directly challenge him. But he hardly escaped untouched.

The first question was about the budget but Alexander quickly tried to raise doubts about the Republican front-

runner. "We need new Republican leadership," Alexander said. "We need to say with respect to Senator Dole that it may be your turn but it is not your revolution. It is not your time."

Dole responded that he had a "strong, conservative pro-life record" and recalled that Mother Teresa had called him recently to praise his leadership on legislation banning late-term abortions.

The pointed, sometimes caustic exchanges didn't go over well with another of the Republican long shots, California Rep. Robert Dornan, who urged his rivals to focus on "the guy who is posing for photo ops in Bosnia." He later called Clinton a "pathological liar" and said "I think we have a criminal in the White House."

While most of the candidates also favor repealing federal affirmative action programs (providing special allowances to racial minorities), each said he was committed to healing America's racial division. Keyes, a conservative radio host and vehement abortion critic, said electing him as the nation's first black president would be the best way of improving race relations.

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As deadline for hostage release nears

Russians close in on Chechen rebels

By CHRIS BIRD
PERVOMAYSKAYA, Russia (AP) - Chechen rebels faced a morning deadline Sunday for releasing more than 100 hostages as Russian forces closed in on the village where the separatists are trapped.

Maj. Gen Alexander Mikhailov, spokesman for the Federal Security Service, said early Sunday.

Under a heavy morning mist, several hundred Russian troops in armored trucks and personnel carriers were heading toward Pervomayskaya.

Several helicopter gunships were also flying to the southern Russian village, just 1.6 kilometers

(less than a mile) from the border of breakaway Chechnya.

Russian planes dropped flares all night long above the town, lighting up the snow-covered landscape, upping tensions in the six-day standoff in the republic of Dagestan as the deadline neared.

Federal troops began setting up a field hospital Sunday in the open steppe just outside

Pervomayskaya, and helicopters were bringing in medical supplies.

Moscow ordered the rebels to release the hostages and surrender their arms by the Sunday deadline, Russian news agencies reported, quoting Mikhail Barsukov, director of the Federal Security Service.

"If even one hostage is shot, I will act immediately," Barsukov said Saturday. He did not say what steps he would take.

Barsukov, whom President Boris Yeltsin put in charge of the operation to free the hostages, did not say how he would respond if the hostages were not released.

But Mikhailov and other Russian authorities appeared determined that the rebel gunmen would not escape back to their separatist republic.

Helicopter gunships already in place in Pervomayskaya on Saturday circled overhead as Russian officers inspected positions and troops stood ready.

Armed with grenade launchers and anti-tank and anti-aircraft rockets, the rebels patrolled the village perimeter. Their hostages were kept under guard in a mosque, a school and a few homes.

"Strategically, our aim is to free the hostages and punish the criminals," Mikhailov said. "But tactically, the terrorists are the ones with the strong hand, it is they who are making the demands."

Talks between the rebels and Dagestani officials were postponed Sunday morning as the deadline approached.

No progress was reported in Saturday's negotiations.

The rebels have threatened to shoot the hostages, seized in a raid on Tuesday on the Dagestani city of Kizlyar, if they are not guaranteed safe passage back to Chechnya.

A handful of women and children were released on Friday, but eight other women refused to go because their husbands and fathers were among the remaining hostages, said Mikhailov.

The rebels were still holding 116 people, including 20 women

and children, said Dagestan's deputy interior minister, Gennady Shpigun. Earlier reports put the number at 103.

The rebels promised Friday to release them all if a few top Russian politicians took their place. But the Russian government showed no sign of backing down from its demand that all hostages be released.

It was unclear how many soldiers were deployed around Pervomayskaya.

Mikhailov would say only that there were more than several hundred.

Reported estimates of the number of rebel gunmen range from 150 to 250.

In a similar hostage crisis in June, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin held televised negotiations with the rebels and allowed them to escape to Chechnya, where they released the last of their hostages.

This time, the Kremlin and the Russian public, exasperated by the 13-month-old war and continuing rebel raids, might support the use of force.

The Kremlin sent troops into Chechnya in December 1994 to put down Chechen rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev's three-year drive for independence. Up to 30,000 people have been killed.

Dudayev said in interviews this week that rebels chose to raid Kizlyar because Russian military helicopters used its airfield during a battle last month at the Chechen city of Gudermes.

The Chechen fighters, led by Dudayev's son-in-law Salman Raduyev, began their raid by trying to attack the airfield. They then seized a hospital and took as many as 3,000 hostages. At least 40 people were killed.

The rebels released all but 160 of the hostages and were allowed to leave Kizlyar in a column of buses and trucks.

But near Pervomayskaya, a Russian rocket forced the convoy to turn back.

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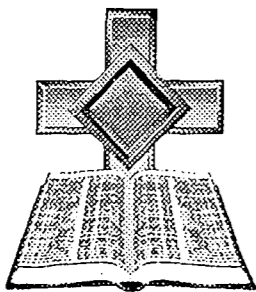
The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 1996 at 6:30 pm at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School Cafeteria in San Roque. A second and final notice of this Public hearing will appear at a later date.

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On the final day, Monday, January 15, 1996, the rosary will be said at 4:30pm, followed by the Holy Mass of Intention at 5:00pm, at the San Vicente Church.

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Actor jumps from TV to Broadway

By MARY CAMPBELL
NEW YORK (AP) - Looking back on a career in TV series and TV movies, John Stamos at age 30 decided it was time to try theater for the first time since high school.

He took a big jump. To Broadway. In a musical. In the starring part. And he landed on his feet.

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"How To Succeed" opened March 23 at the Richard Rodgers Theater. Stamos replaced Matthew Broderick on

Nov. 26 and is in the show until March 3.

For the last eight years he was Jesse on the sitcom "Full House," now canceled.

"It was very easy," he says. "I was happy."

But, he says, "For the last three or four years, I stopped growing as an actor and a person. I lived in my house in the hills. Friends would come around. But I kind of sheltered myself from other people."

"I knew it was time to turn down another TV series and other things offered to me after 'Full House.'"

Actor Jack Klugman, who played his father on "You Again," his sitcom before "Full House," had become his mentor. "He has been wanting me to do theater for a long time," Stamos says.

But why not lead up to Broadway gradually and try something in a smaller town

and lower profile for a first step on a theater stage since high school?

He didn't even think of that, Stamos says. "I've never done things the easy way. If I'm going to challenge myself, I might as well go for the Great White Way," he says.

His audition for Finch lasted an hour and a half.

"I studied a lot before," he says. "I worked on it night and day. I knew I really wanted it. I worked very, very hard."

I knew it was the thing I needed to do in my life right now. It could open doors and change people's perception of what I'm about as an actor."

He says, "The trick to act Finch is to play those schemes that he is doing in a charming way so you don't lose the audience. You don't want them to not like Finch by any means. He is doing some pretty deviating things."

"I think I found the way. I think the audience gets it that Finch is a schemer."

But the people he walks all over kind of deserve it. I think the audience figures it out but they go with it."

Klugman was in New York the week before Christmas and

attended "How To Succeed."

"My girlfriend and I met him after the show," Stamos says. "He said he was nervous for me at first. He found himself getting caught up in the character and following with me on that journey and it happened without him thinking about it. I found that a very good compliment."

"He called me today and said, 'Theater is where you belong. This is where you need to spend time.' I think he is right. I love it. It has been the thrill of my life."

Stamos says Klugman is passionate about their profession. "I never met anyone who loves acting as much as Jack does," he says. "I wish I loved it as much as he does. But his passion inspires me."

Stamos grew up in Los Angeles, always wanting to be an actor. He started studying acting at 15.

"I was always shy," he says. "I was kind of a dorky kid in school. I just never locked into an identity. I wasn't a jock. I wasn't cool. I played drums in the band. My father owned fast-food places where I worked flipping hamburgers on weekends."

Stamos' got his first TV job, on

the soap "General Hospital," at 18.

Just at the end of his two-year stint as Blackie on "General Hospital," he met the Beach Boys and they invited him to sit in with them on the drums.

"I started playing with them more and more," he says. "I had the band on my TV shows. I played with them in summers, 35 or 40 concerts. I celebrated my 10th year with them July 4 in Philadelphia, for 600,000 people."

Stamos says he has jammed with some of the greats: John Fogerty, Bruce Springsteen, Little Richard, B.B. King. But he never considered being a musician instead of an actor.

"The music business is too hard," he says. "I like to be on the periphery of it and play as I do. I get to play with one of the greatest rock n' roll bands in history. How could I top that?"

Asked what he'd do after "How To Succeed," Stamos says, "I don't know yet. I've spent my whole career worrying about what is next. I would not be happy until I got to that next place."

"Now it's exciting to not know. All I'm thinking about now is being on that stage tonight."



STS-72 Commander Brian Duffy, from Boston, Mass., right, and Japanese Payload Specialist Koichi Wakata adjust their flight suits after landing at Kennedy Space Center, Shuttle Landing Facility. Six crew members were preparing for the planned launch aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor. (AP Photo)

Hundreds of small quakes detected near volcano

TOKYO (AP) - Seismologists say they detected more than 500 minor earthquakes near a volcano on Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu during a 12-hour period ending Sunday morning.

The largest of the quakes, all of which were centered within 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) of Mount Hossho, a volcano on Kyushu about 960 kilometers (600 miles) southwest of Tokyo, had a preliminary magnitude of 2.9, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

They were centered 7-10 kilometers (4-6 miles) underground. Mount Hossho erupted last October and December, emitting ash and other debris. An agency release showed that the quakes were most frequent during the first three hours after they began at around 9 p.m. (1200 GMT) Saturday. A local observatory has issued a volcano warning. No major eruption has been observed in recent days, although local officials say recently fallen ashes have been seen near the mountain.

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Playwright finds hope in So. African history

By DONNA BRYSON
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - Playwright Duma kaNdlovu has dipped into South Africa's bloody history to create a drama that speaks of hope for the future.

The 10 characters in his "Bergville Stories" are Zulu migrant workers swept up in the political wars of the 1980s and early 1990s among residents of Johannesburg's black townships.

Frightened and under siege in their squalid hostel, the workers tell tales from their home far away in the Bergville region of KwaZulu-Natal.

The play, performed in December at the Market Theater - South Africa's best-known playhouse - avoids casting blame for the street clashes and attacks that killed dozens of people daily in some townships during the height of the violence. Instead, it stresses the individuality of the participants.

"We've got a history to our names. We are people, too," a character proclaims, standing tall on a dimly lit, nearly bare stage, wearing the ragged overalls and worn shoes that are the uniform of South Africa's unskilled laborers.

KaNdlovu's men find strength in unity and in a proud common heritage.

Even the enraged township residents who surround them come to recognize their shared humanity as they listen to the workers' stories.

Particularly compelling is a tale based on a real incident, the 1956 confrontation be-

tween police and Bergville farmers who depend on marijuana crops for survival. In the end, 23 villagers were hanged after being convicted of murdering five officers.

"We've been brutalized so much that we need to find a sense of hope even in the most desperate of despairs," kaNdlovu said.

"One of the things that captivated me with this story is that when the people went to hang, they went singing a powerful Zulu song," he said. "How more hopeful can you get than people going to their deaths singing?"

"I think the men were victorious because they managed to transcend the reality that we live in. They were going to join their ancestors."

KaNdlovu is a Zulu who grew up in Soweto, near Johannesburg. As a child he spent winter vacations at the family home near Bergville, but didn't hear of the marijuana battle until he was an adult, when an aunt mentioned it almost in passing.

The playwright was intrigued, and turned to relatives and friends for details.

"It was something that our parents didn't talk about freely," he said. "It was a revisiting of a painful period in their history."

KaNdlovu's curiosity took him to court records and newspaper files, where he found most villagers had refused to testify against any of the accused in 1956. He believes some of the reticence he en-

countered in the 1990s may also stem from the villagers' fierce desire to protect their own.

Whites owned the best farmland, while black were relegated to mountainous areas barely suitable for crops. Hardy marijuana, though, grew plentifully around Bergville.

Many blacks, kaNdlovu said, saw the illegal crop as the only way to earn enough money to feed their families. On the morning of Feb. 22, 1956, one group of villagers armed themselves with spears and clubs against an expected police raid.

Police who testified at the trial say they were attacked by black farmers; Bergville villagers say the police fired first.

All 23 villagers convicted were hanged on the same day at South Africa's main prison in Pretoria.

As kaNdlovu's play opens, the 10 members of his ensemble cast are scattered among the audience in a pitch-black theater.

"We are a powerful people because we come from rich earth," they sing in Zulu. "The mountains where we come from always ring with the sound of water."

Listeners are not so much surrounded as overwhelmed by the singing. Work songs, war songs, teasing songs, tragic songs follow, driving the English and Zulu script.

As the cast enacts the final galloping scene, they sing out the names of the Bergville villager's ancestors.

Guatemala president-elect picks Cabinet

By CHRISTENA COLCLOUGH
GUATEMALA CITY (AP) - President-elect Alvaro Arzu has announced a Cabinet comprised largely of businessmen and technocrats to help him lead this impoverished Central American nation.

Arzu, elected to a four-year term in a presidential runoff last weekend, takes office Sunday, replacing President Ramiro De Leon Carpio.

He promised to "get to work straight away" on the nation's problems, which include deep poverty, fiscal troubles, pervasive violence and charges of human rights abuses.

"The Cabinet appears progressive," said independent political analyst Miguel Angel Balcarcel.

"Although not one that will transform the nation, it will be an efficient government," Arzu appointed Gen. Julio

Balconi as defense minister. The moderate and reform-minded military leader has been involved in peace talks with the leftist guerrillas, who have been waging a 35-year civil war.

Arzu has promised to reach a peace agreement with the rebels in 1996.

Arzu chose his close friend Rodolfo Mendoza, as interior minister, overseeing public security.

Although the advertising executive has little political experience, he says he has extensively studied law enforcement and is prepared to tackle Guatemala's crime problem.

Jose Arevalo, former director of the Bank of Guatemala, was named finance minister.

He is expected to improve tax collection and tighten government spending.

Guatemala has an internal

debt of about 9 billion quetzales (about \$1.5 billion), but as much as 40 percent of the nation's sales taxes go uncollected.

Arzu named Arabella Castro, a lawyer and former president of Congress, as education minister. Castro is a key member of Arzu's Advanced National Party.

Castro has promised to extend bilingual education throughout this largely indigenous country and reduce illiteracy.

Although Spanish is Guatemala's official language, each of the 22 Mayan ethnic groups speak distinct languages. Only about 52 percent of the population can read and write.

Other appointments included lawyer Arnoldo Ortiz Moscoso, as labor minister, Marco Tulio Sosa Ramirez as health minister and Eduardo Stein as foreign minister.

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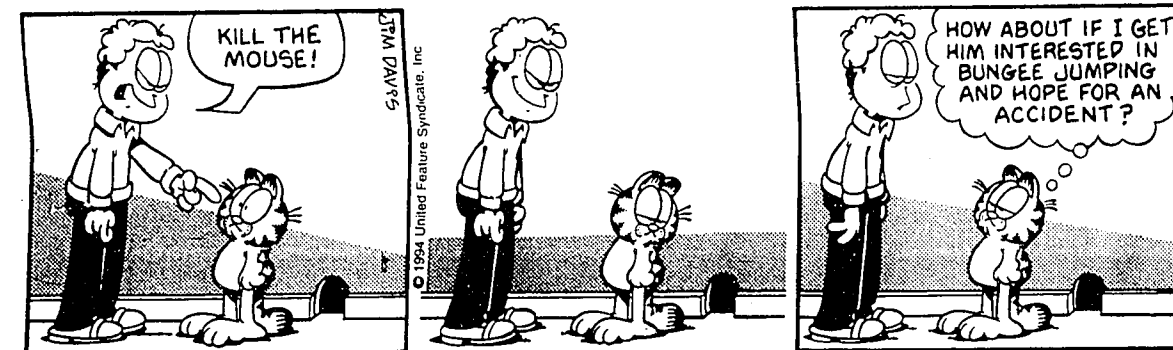
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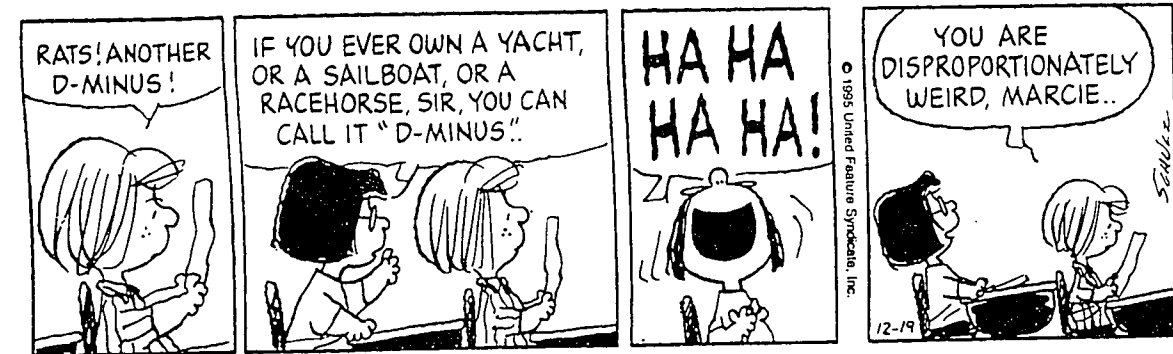
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By Stella Wilder

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graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide. **TUESDAY, JAN. 16 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Destiny will play a larger role in your personal affairs than you expected today. You must be willing to turn on a dime. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — You will derive a great deal of inspiration from the plight of someone else who has been close to you for some time. You can jump in and help out. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — You can be a little more aggressive than usual today, and no one will take offense. You can get remarkable results by the end of the day. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Are you really on track at this time? This will be a good day to look back and assess your progress during the first few weeks of the year. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — The things that are ordinarily high on your list may be eclipsed today by something that arises and takes you by surprise. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — The ordinary should not be underestimated today. You can derive comfort and confidence from routine affairs. Seek a new creative outlet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You will have some questions today, but you mustn't let on that you are doubting yourself at all. Try to remain confident at all times. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You will enjoy something unexpected today because it will brighten your spirit. This new development will have you looking to the future with greater enthusiasm. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — You may feel the influence of someone else today, despite your eagerness to be independent. There will be some things that you just can't get away from. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Buff up your appearance today and strive to show off only the best of your character and ability. This approach will yield many rewards. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — This will be a good day to focus on domestic issues. A question of lifestyle may arise by the end of the day, but you will handle it with aplomb. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You will not want to sit around and let things happen without you today. You will have more fun and feel better if you get outside now.

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CLOSERS

COLUMN CLOSERS BY SARAH JOHNSON
More books are read per capita in Iceland than in any other country in the world.
The first woman to hold a position in a presidential cabinet was Frances Perkins, who served as FDR's secretary of labor for all twelve years of his presidency.
Robert Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln, was a student at Harvard University on his way to the White House to visit his parents during a semester break in 1865. On the way to Washington D.C., he fell between two railroad cars when the train stopped in New Jersey. A man behind him helped him up before any harm could come to him. The man who rescued Robert Lincoln was Edwin Booth, a traveler on his way to visit his sister in Philadelphia. Edwin Booth also had a brother, John Wilkes Booth, who would later assassinate President Lincoln.
The heaviest meteorite to fall to earth in recorded history is the Hoba West meteorite in Africa, which is estimated to weigh almost sixty tons.
Although the birth of Jesus of Nazareth functions as the year zero on western civilization's timeline, the scholar in the year A.D. 534 who determined the year of Jesus' birth made an error in his calculations. Jesus was actually born at least four years before his recorded date of birth because Jesus was born during the reign of Herod, King Herod died in the year 4 B.C. ("Before Christ").

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Zebra sperm produces striped race horse

By LARRY GERBER
BIG BEAR LAKE, California (AP) — A new breed of steed has arrived in horse country. White Cloud, stocking-legged foal of a quarter horse, sports racing stripes.
Sired with the sperm of a Grant's zebra and foaled by a registered mare, White Cloud and others like him promise to be "the horses of the future," says owner Diane Richards.
Make that the zorses of the future. When he's old enough to ride, 5-month-old White Cloud and future "zorses" will combine the speed and savvy of zebras with the friendliness of horses, Richards hopes.
"Zebras have been running from lions for a long time, and they are real fast," she told a visitor. They're also smart, and they can jump.
"You have to have 6-foot (1.82-meter) fences," said Richards, who

began the crossbreeding project three years ago in the rolling ranchland east of this San Bernardino Mountains resort.
Richards and a few other zorse breeders around the country hope to cash in on a flourishing market for exotic animals, as evidenced by ads for all sorts of species and cross-species in specialty publications.
Few people have patience enough, however, to make friends with a zebra. Skittish and intractable, they have defied domestication.
Richards' zebras, Cyclone, 7, and Valentino, 5, can be ridden like mules. "I don't think any mule around can compare to what we can do with these guys," said Diana Starkey, who helps care for the stock.
"They're a step ahead of you, so you better make friends with them. They're strong."

Mostly, Richards feels her way with the animals.
"Handle and handle and handle them," she said. "It's not for a novice. You have to imprint as soon as they come out."
Since most zebras won't let humans even approach, sperm collection for artificial insemination can be tricky, even with "tame" zebras.
For one thing, the mood must be right. Soothing music is piped into the barn Valentino shares with White Cloud and a mare pony. Richards leaves the lights on.
Valentino is so used to Richards, she is able to trick him when he mounts the mare, diverting his sperm into an artificial vagina.
For safety's sake, two veterinarians always help, Richards said.
She charges a \$1,500 stud fee, live foal guaranteed. Orders come from

as far as France, Richards said.
Artificial insemination costs the same as the natural way, but bigger, more versatile zorses are possible with the artificial method.
"Because zebras are hard to handle, if you can't artificially inseminate, you're stuck with pony-sized animals to breed them with," Richards said.
Valentino, or at least his sperm, can sire mixes of Arabians, quarter horses and even big draft horses.
"Now we're going to get the big beauties that you've never seen before," Richards said.
White Cloud promises to be a bigger beauty, at least, than his zebra sire Casper, who lives on a Northern California ranch. White Cloud has the white stockings and long legs of his dam and the muscular zebra hind-quarters of his sire.

Like zebra colts in the wild, his coat is still striped with dark and lighter brown, natural camouflage that will turn black-white as he ages.
Horses and zebras have been bred over the years, although the results have been little more than pony-sized curiosities, said Randy Rieches, an equine expert at San Diego Wild Animal Park.
Zorses are infertile like mules, crosses between horses and donkeys. Though they may be striped like zebras, they don't get species status.
"The definition of a species is that animals within the species can successfully interbreed," said Dr. Dirk Vanderwall, an equine reproduction specialist at Colorado State University.
A difference in the number of each species' chromosomes causes infertility, Vanderwall said.

Record ...

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Mandela gave Cape Town's bid a strong emotional pull.
"Cape Town will benefit from the emotional and symbolic aspects, definitely," Rogge said.
However, the bid has suffered from internal wrangling among business, government and sports leaders. There

have also been concerns about crime in South Africa, highlighted by the fatal shooting of a security guard by robbers during a boxing contest in Cape Town in November.
"The common denominator of the IOC members is they want security and safety for the athletes and the Games," Rogge said in a telephone interview. "If anyone feels South Africa will be safe in terms of politics, criminality and finance, then they will have the best

chance. If there is any doubt of that, then they have no chances." Rome has emerged as a top favorite, with powerful political and sports backing.
OC president Juan Antonio Samaranch recently said the Italian capital, which hosted the 1960 Games, had the "strongest" bid.
Athens will add intrigue to the contest.
The Greeks had vowed never to bid

for the Olympics again after losing the vote for the 1996 Games to Atlanta. As host of the first modern Olymp-

pics, the Greeks felt they had the sole right to stage the 100th anniversary Games.

PUBLIC NOTICE

1/12/96

The CDA Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, January 18, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at the CDA Conference Room in Saipan. Agenda is as follows:

- I. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Old Business:
 - 1. NMC's Request for Matching Funds for Business Development Center for \$95,942
 - 2. Report on Pacific Business Center Program (PBCP) and Business Development Center (BDC)
- III. New Business:
 - 1. Pacific Business Development Center (Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa) request for funding
- IV. DCD Matters:
 - 1. Use of Credit Cards for Loan Payments
- V. Administrative Matters:
 - 1. Board of Director's Fiduciary Coverage and Directors & Offices Liability and Crime/Guard Insurance Coverage Personnel
 - 2. a. Evaluation System for the Officers of the Authority
- VI. Reports:
 - 1. Chairman's/Executive Director's Report
 - 2. Comptroller's Report (Funds Availability)
- VII. Other Matters

(Pursuant to Section 13, subsection (4), (5) (6) and (7) some part of the discussion of the above items may be in Executive Session) /s/ Juan S. Tenorio
Chairman, Board of Directors

Pierce ...

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she does not feel under any greater pressure as defending champion.
"No, I don't feel under any pressure," she said. "Eventually I want to be No. 1 and to do that you have to win many, many tournaments."
Pierce, 21, says her play hasn't changed much over the past 12 months — her trademark will still be her fiercely struck forehands — but she is trying to get to the net more often.
The women's field will include three-time champion Monica Seles, and Pierce believes Seles' return to Australia will add luster to the tournament as well as lifting pressure on herself.
"It helps take the spotlight off me and it is exciting for the tour-

nament, the public and the players," she said. "Hopefully, I'll get a chance to play her."
"Over the past couple of years I've beaten everyone and I know that on any given day I have the game to beat anyone."
"It is a strong field, a great field, and it should be a very exciting tournament."
One aspect of the Australian Open that does not please Pierce is the move away from equal prize money. "I was surprised by that decision," she said. "I didn't understand why. I think women's tennis has been getting more and more exciting."
Pierce, a quarterfinalist in Melbourne in 1993, doesn't regret bypassing warm-up tournaments in favor of a week practicing in Melbourne. "I certainly feel like I'm hitting the ball well," she

said.
McNamee, a former Wimbledon doubles champion, said he was impressed with Pierce's form just 24 hours after arriving in Australia from Europe.
"She was hitting the ball extremely well and she likes the high bounce on the Rebound Ace courts here," McNamee said. "The surface is not too fast, which suits her game, as do the slightly heavier balls. Everything is in her favor."

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Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said Phillips would probably be allowed to leave Nebraska if he is supervised by a probation officer in his new home.

Seabees ...

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RBI double, while Ron Benavente had an over-the-fence homer in a last-minute rally in the bottom of the sixth inning, but Bud Ice failed to muster the needed runs for the final score, 13-7.
In the other game, good defense and offense lifted the Seabees to shut out the Wheelers.
The Seabees jumped to a 5-0 lead after four innings of play. Seabees scored one run at the top of the first inning on two Wheels errors, 1-0.
Joe Guerrero reached home plate on a hit-by-pitch by starter Jack Taitano and two Wheels errors in the second inning, 2-0, and posted two more runs with a homer hit in the third inning, 4-0. Mark Toves, after getting a walk, advanced to third base on an error and stole a run, for a 5-0 score.
In the sixth and final inning, the Seabees scored six more runs on Nick Saimon's over-the-fence solo and Dino Palacios' pinch-hit in-the-park homers.
Tony Satur played a perfect game which was the first in SSA.

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SPORTS



Mauleg freezes Bud Ice in SSA fastpitch

Seabees sting Wheelers in shutout win

SAIPAN. Stevedore Mauleg and Seabees Four scored victories in the Saipan Softball Association Men's Fastpitch League last weekend at the Susupe ballfield.

Mauleg defeated Bud Ice, 13-7, in the opener, while Seabees bounced back with a shutout win over the Wheelers in the second game, 11-0, after losing their starter game recently. Mauleg jumped to a 7-0 lead in its

half after two innings in the first game. Mel Sakisat scored a three-run in-the-park homer at the top of the first inning and Richard Atalig led his team with an RBI triple to four runs on five hits in the second inning.

Bud Ice countered in its half of the second inning with three runs scored on Ben Cabrera's RBI double and Jess Mesa's two-run inside homer, 7-3.

Bud Ice narrowed down the trail by two runs, 7-5, when Clinton Ngriraked scored an RBI single.

Bud Ice tried to cut down the lead but Mauleg started pulling away in

the next three innings. Greg Camacho scored a two-run homer in the fourth inning. Manny Camacho scored a solo over-the-fence homer in the fifth inning and Mauleg scored three runs

in the sixth, 13-5, on Greg C. Camacho's two-run triple and Manny Camacho's RBI double.

Bud Ice's Pete Roberto scored an

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Star tailback decides to bypass senior season

LINCOLN, Nebraska (AP) — Embattled star tailback Lawrence Phillips is taking his coach's advice and leaving national champion Nebraska for the U.S. National Football League.

Phillips said Tuesday he will pass up his senior season and declare himself eligible for the NFL draft.

After Phillips ran for 165 yards and scored three touchdowns in Nebraska's Fiesta Bowl victory over Florida, coach Tom Osborne said that if he stayed at Nebraska, Phillips likely would continue to be marked for criticism, as he has been since his arrest for assaulting a former girlfriend in September.

"The past several months have been difficult for everyone," Phillips added. "I know that I made a mistake which I deeply regret. I believe I have learned and grown as a result of it."

Phillips had two stellar performances to open Nebraska's season, but Osborne suspended him

after the assault. Osborne allowed him back into the program but said he had to attend anger-control counseling and meet other stipulations to play again.

Phillips returned after six weeks, and made his first start in the Fiesta Bowl, where he helped No. 1 Nebraska to a 62-24 victory over second-ranked Florida.

Phillips, who rushed for 1,722 yards and 16 touchdowns as a sophomore, ran for 547 yards and nine TDs this season. Phillips pleaded no contest to assault and trespassing charges and was sentenced to probation and ordered to pay about \$360 in damages.

Phillips probation ends Nov.

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No Probs yields to heat of Hot '96

THE Hot '96 defeated No, Probs in four sets, 32 to 25, late last week in the resumption of the 1995-96 Rocaball League at the Marianas High School Puguia Court.

There were 20 aces, 3 xunks, 6 kees and 1 goal scored in the game.

John Somol of Hot '96 was the heavy hitter with six aces, one

xunk and one kee. Ryan Iho was the heavy hitter for No Probs with two aces and three kees.

Hot '96 took the first set, 15 to 9. No Probs scunked Hot '96 in the next set, 14-0, for a 23-15 lead. No Probs took the third and fourth set, 10-0 and 7-2, to win the game.

This week's games will start today between Wild Locals and Mix Blood.

No Fear will face Hardkor Tuesday.

Buyaka will take the challenge of Homeboys 2 on Wednesday, while Hot '96 will play against Brotherhood on Thursday.

Pierce confident of defending title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Mary Pierce found it hard to believe she had won last year's Australian Open women's singles championship. Twelve months on, however, she is confident she can defend her title.

Pierce won her first Grand Slam title at the National Tennis Center by defeating Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the final. She returned to the scene of her greatest triumph on Tuesday, having a brief practice session with tournament director Paul McNamee on one of the new stadium courts at the revamped venue.

"It was unbelievable last year — a

dream come true," Pierce said. "I just didn't expect it."

The triumph, which saw her run through the tournament without dropping a set, saw Pierce put too much pressure on herself through the remainder of the year and her form fell away.

"It was the highlight of my year, of my career, and I learned a lot from it, and what followed it," she said. "I dealt with it well, but I got fairly tired mentally and physically towards the end of the year. I started off really well, but I tried to get better and better — and then I got tired."

Pierce lost to Iva Majoli in the

fourth round of the French Open, to Nathalie Tauziat in the second round at Wimbledon and to Amy Frazier in the third round at the U.S. Open.

Now she is back after a short break with a very positive attitude going into the first Grand Slam tournament of the year, which will run from Jan. 15-28.

"I'm feeling very eager and I love it here in Melbourne," she said. "The weather is great and I love the surface and the balls. Everything here suits my game perfectly."

Canadian-born Pierce, who lives in Florida but represents France, said

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Record field in race for 2004 Games

LONDON (AP) — The race for the 2004 Olympic Games is on.

A record field of 11 cities submitted bids by Wednesday's deadline, signaling the start of a 21-month campaign that will culminate with the selection of the winner in September 1997.

While the race is wide open, at least three cities appear to be among the top contenders at this stage: Cape Town, South Africa; Rome, and Athens, Greece.

The other candidates are Buenos Aires, Argentina; Istanbul, Turkey;

Lille, France; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Seville, Spain; Stockholm, Sweden, and St. Petersburg, Russia.

China, stung by Beijing's narrow defeat to Sydney in the vote for the 2000 Games, chose not to submit a bid this time.

The 11 cities must submit their official bid documents to the International Olympic Committee, including details of financing, infrastructure and sports venues, by Aug. 15.

After studies by an evaluation commission, an IOC "electoral college"

will reduce the field to four or five finalists in the spring of 1997. The full IOC will select the host city at its session in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Sept. 5, 1997.

Europe dominates the list of bidders with seven, South America has two, while Africa and the Caribbean have one each.

"The question for the IOC is: do we come back to Europe or do we go outside and give the Games to an emerging country?" said Jacques Rogge, head of the European association of national Olympic commit-

tees.

There is a strong case for taking the Games back to Europe, where the Summer Olympics will last have been held 12 years earlier in Barcelona in 1992.

There's an even stronger argument for giving the Games to Africa, which has never hosted an Olympics. Neither has South America or the Caribbean.

South Africa's transformation from apartheid to a multi-racial society and the support of President Nelson

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Meeting notices

LITTLE LEAGUE—The managers and coaches of the 1996 Little League baseball teams will have a meeting on Jan. 18, 5 p.m., at the San Vicente office of District Administrator Tony Camacho. For further information, call Camacho at 235-0927 or Joe Sanchez at 235-7472.

Gov't Men's Slowpitch League—The coaches and managers of the Second Government Men's Slowpitch Softball League will have a meeting on Jan. 17, 9 a.m., at the Ada gymnasium conference room. The agenda is the deadline for the submission of rosters.

Youth Slowpitch League—The coaches of the Youth Slowpitch Softball League will have a meeting on Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Ada gym conference room.

Call Joe Lizama during work hours at 234-1001 for more information.

RGA to start '96 season on Jan. 20

THE Refalawasch Golfers' Association (RGA) will start its 1996 season of monthly tournaments with the Ace of the Month on January 20.

New RGA president Ben Taitano is inviting members and other interested golfers to join the first mini tournament for 1996.

For further information, call Jess Wabol at 235-1794 or Tony Rogolifoi at 234-1001 or 234-1002.

In a related development, RGA recently formed its 1996 board consisting of Pete Igincof, Henry Magofna, Joe Lizama, Andy Nepaial and Bill Kaipat.

The committee chairmen are Joe Lizama for membership, Ed Peter for tournaments, Tony Satur for handicap, Jess Wabol for media relations and Tino Olopai for community and fundraising works.

Elected with Taitano earlier were Tony Rogolifoi for vice president, Rose Igitol secretary, and Frank "Sonny" Flores, treasurer.

Miller Lite Men's basketball League

Top scorers as of Jan. 8 *

Name	Team	Games	Pts.	Ave
Winsor Peter	OI' Aces	6	169	28.2
Ed Diaz	Brothers	6	146	24.3
Edwin Bubos	Sharks	5	116	23.2
Mike Diandra	D' Oners	5	110	22.0
Junior Renguul	OI' Aces	6	130	21.6
Jess Stol	Panthers	6	125	20.8
Tony Diaz	Brothers	6	123	20.5
Bob Quitugua	Sharks	6	113	18.8
Daryl Voss	Brewers	6	113	18.8
Jess Dela Cruz	Brothers	6	113	18.8
Lloyd Hartman	FT/SNE	5	91	18.7
Peter Camacho	OI' Aces	6	111	18.5
Ed Cosino	FT/SNE	5	92	18.4
Wayne Pua	OI' Aces II	5	88	17.6

* Official tally by BANMI president Tony Rogolifoi